

Imperial County APCD Update CDAWG 2006

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RULE DEVELOPMENT

300 Series Fee Rules

Set a annual CPI adjustment standard to use for each subsequent year. For FY2007 fees will increase 3.8%

New and Revised Rules approved on Oct. 10, 2006

- . 101 – Definitions
- . 202 - Exemptions
- . 206 – Processing of Applications
- . 207.1 – Federal Major Modifications (new)
- . 214 – Emission Reduction Credit Banking
- . 214.1 Mobile Source Emission Reduction Credit Banking (new)
- . 217 – Large Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) (new)
- . 301 – Permit Fees
- . 307 – Large Confined Animal Facility Fees (formally Livestock Feed Yard Fees)
- . 420 – Beef Feedlots (formally Livestock Feed Yards)

RECENT AND ONGOING ISSUES

- Proposed development of several ethanol facilities – corn based and sugar cane.
- Developing an Indirect Source Fee (ISF) and updating CEQA Air Quality Handbook.

SALTON SEA / COLORADO WATER TRANSFER

Member of the Salton Sea Advisory Committee (appointed)- goal is to find a way to save the sea, evaluate options – currently 10 options.

Member of the Salton Sea Technical Advisory Committee – air quality impacts.

DWR is supposed to release the draft PEIR at the advisory meeting at end of October.

SALTON SEA / COLORADO WATER TRANSFER (cont.)

- Impending Water Transfer
 - APCD has pending CEQA litigation naming SWRCB – potential air quality impacts
 - Concern of recession of water level exposing shore line (Owens Lake)
 - Fallowing program
 - Impacts to an already “Serious” area

ICAPCD PLANNING ITEMS

● Serious PM10 SIP Attainment Plan

Develop PM10 plan which includes:

- Transport from Mexico
- NEAP (approved by EPA on Aug. 9th, 2005)
- BACM for Area Sources (Reg. VIII rules approved Nov. 05)
- BACT for Stationary Sources (same as above)

Develop Marginal Ozone Attainment Plan

- Incorporate transport impact from Mexico
- Required to attain by end of 2007 (don't anticipate this, likely redesignation to moderate) which will require further planning).

Imperial County/Mexicali Major Air Quality Issues

- Air Emissions associated with the Colorado River Water Transfer/Salton Sea exposed shoreline
- Existing and New Electric Power Generating Projects in Mexicali
 - Limited controls
 - Use of water/reduction of flow in New River
 - New transmission line corridors and modifications
 - Proposed new LNG pipeline

Cross Border Credits Challenges

- Recognize Imperial County/Mexicali as one Air Shed.
- NOx, CO, and PM10 emissions produced in Mexicali are transported to Imperial County and vice versa.
- Clean Air Act requires change
- Continue to work on this issue with Imp/Mex Air Quality Task Force and with political representatives

Lack of Offsets in Imperial County Impede Development

- New sources in Imperial County must have offsets
- No offsets available in Imperial County
- Approved new MSERC rule as an option
- Reductions in emissions in Mexicali more available than in Imperial County but not legal to use – need for cross border mechanism.

For Cross Border Credits....

- Clean Air Act requires change
- Determine proper offset ratio
- Make changes
 - Permanent
 - Enforceable
 - Quantifiable
 - Surplus

Miscellaneous Items

- Recruiting for an APC Specialist (Limited Term) - planning efforts, and border issues
- In February 2005 – approved an Air Quality CEQA guidance handbook (experiencing an explosion in housing development) – Beginning to conduct revisions that will compliment new proposed ISF Rule. Currently addressing these issues through CEQA.
- Continue to support BPPWG in ongoing efforts against power plants in Mexicali – had court date in San Diego on Oct. 6.

Miscellaneous Items (cont.)

- 8th year participating in Carl Moyer – majority of projects are in the agricultural industry – i.e. irrigation pumps and tractors.
- Ag/APCD new building burnt down weeks before taking occupancy. Process of demolition and rebuild, hopeful by mid to late next year. Looking into a solar energy component for the bldg/parking.

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